

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club Inc. Meeting Minutes:

August 1, 1968

Milwaukee School of Engineering: 1020 N. Broadway, Room 1-B

The meeting was called to order by president, Travis Baird, at 8:08 PM.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the June meeting were not available.

Treasurer, W9CUW, reported a current balance of \$810.65. He also presented a letter from the St. Francis Building & Loan advising that our savings account there could be converted to a new certificate plan whereby interest of 5.09% per year.

It was moved by W9ATK that our savings account be changed to this certificate plan. The motion was seconded by W9YYW and carried unanimously.

A letter from Mrs. Prichard, the widow of W9CUS, was read requesting that she remain on the MRAC mailing list. It was also reported that the radio gear of W9CUS was evaluated and disposed of without the participation of this club.

The MRAC, in cooperation with the Ozaukee, West Allis and Menomonee Falls Clubs, set up a display at the lakefront for "Summerfest-68" during July. After two days, the tent housing the display was blown down by heavy winds. W9ATK and W9CUW who were manning the station emerged uninjured. The AREC display was moderately damaged and some of the radio gear was scratched and dented. After a new tent was erected, the display and an operating teletype unit were again set up for the last two dates, July 27 & 28. Only a light amount of traffic was handled before the casualty.

The amount of \$22.00 has been paid, by WA9MME, for liability insurance required by all exhibitors. It was agreed that the MRAC will assume one quarter of this cost and pay that amount to Dick Kimball.

W9VQD reported that MRAC members were active with the AREC during July providing communications for The Greater Milwaukee Open Golf Tournament, The Strike-up-the-Band Concert, and the 1968 Air Show. Communications were also handled for the Circus Train in late June and the fireworks display on the lakefront on July 3rd.

Members were reminded of the Club Picnic to be held on August 11th. W9CUW reported receiving word that the Blatz Band Wagon will NOT be at the picnic this year.

W9VQD asked for suggestions for increasing interest and attendance at Club meetings. Some ideas expressed included: better programs, round-table type meetings encouraging remarks from each person at the meeting, variable meeting nights and club projects and activities such as mobile hunts and field day participation. Continuation of the ten meter code classes was recommended and more help was requested..

W9HPZ was promised assistance, if requested, to erect an antenna so he can return to active operation.

Upon the motion of W9SQL, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Walt Glish W9YYW
Secretary